

**REMARKS**

Applicant has renumbered the claims 1-12 by adding the number 12 in front of the previously unnumbered claim as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

In the aforementioned Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ho (U.S. 6,380,926) in view of Jao (U.S. 2004/0218402). In making that rejection, the Examiner stated:

“Ho does not disclose the mouse comprising a light source member for lighting the ornamental housing.”

The Examiner went on to state:

“However, Jao teaches a liquid ornamental article having a light source number (3) in Fig. 1B for creating a unique decorative effect on the light-ornamented article (0003). Jao also suggests the light-ornamental article having the illuminating structure can be used on a computer mouse (last line in [0004]. Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the computer mouse of Ho to have a light source member for lighting the ornamental housing as taught by Jao so as to create a unique and novel decorating effect for the computer mouse.”

It is respectfully submitted that the above argument is flawed because Applicant's priority date is March 26, 2003 as opposed to the Jao filing date of May 2, 2003. Accordingly, it is Applicant's contention that Jao is now a valid reference and that claims 1-7 and 9 should be allowed. A copy of Applicant's priority document Taiwan Application No. 092204669 filed on March 26, 2003 was submitted in the present application on August 17, 2006f.

It is also Applicant's contribution that claims 8 and 10-12 are allowable for the same reason as set forth above.

In view of the above it is Applicant's contention that claims 1-12 in the present application are now in proper form and clearly patentably distinguished over the cited art.

Prompt favorable action is requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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